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- 25X1 1. The PRAGUE SNB Unit 9600, headed by LtCol Jiri KOVAR, was the superior headquarters of all SNB battalions in early December 1949. No SNB regiments were assigned to the unit. Staff Capt PIPIK was the deputy of Lt Col KOVAR; Maj VILCEK was training officer. *
2. SNB battalions in the following towns were assigned to Unit 9600:
- 25X1 BRATISLAVA (P 49/X 99)
ZNOJMO (O 49/S 06)
- 25X1 BUDEJOVICE (O 49/Q 96)
- 25X1 SUSICE (N 50/Q 28), CO: Maj MALY [REDACTED]
- 25X1 PILSEN (N 50/L 04), CO: Maj SMK [REDACTED]
- KARLOVY VARY (N 51/P 69) [REDACTED]
3. An SNB battalion headquarters had about 30 men, including administration personnel, political instructors, communications personnel (radio operators) and drivers. Company headquarters of about 10 men each were subordinate to the battalion headquarters. The companies had 30-man platoons, which performed patrol duty. Platoon included no headquarters personnel.
4. Each SNB platoon had three light machine guns, mostly of Czech type 26 and German type 34. New SNB personnel reporting for duty in mid-October 1949 were equipped exclusively with the new Czech 9-mm submachine gun, type 48. *** Each platoon had 100 hand grenades. Most pistols were of the Czech type 24 (9 mm caliber) and another Czech type (7.65 mm caliber). A new pistol of Czech make was to be introduced.
5. An SNB school for company and platoon leaders was in DOUPOV (N 51/P 89). Each battalion also had a small school of its own. The school of the SUSICE battalion was opposite the school building in HAMRY (N 50/U 98).

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6. No members of the Czech Army had been with the SNB units in the western border area up to early December 1949. However, the SUSICE battalion was told that in the spring of 1950 the SNB platoons were to be brought to 60-man strength by detached army personnel.
7. All SNB members got an increase in salary, averaging 80 to 100 percent, effective on 28 October 1949.
8. Companies in VOLARY (N 49/Q 55), HORNÍ VLTAVICE (OBER-MOLDAU, N 49/Q 45), BRNI (REMBERG, N 50/Q 16), ZELESNA RUDA (EISENSTEIN, N 50/Q 07) and NYRSKO (NEUBERN, N 50/U 99) were subordinate to the SUSICE SNB battalion. ****
9. The following new grades were introduced into the SNB on 2 October 1949:

Junior sergeant candidate
(Cekatel mladsi strazmistr)

One five-pointed silver star.
This grade was reached after a six-month military training in an SNB training camp.

Sergeant
(Strazmistr)

Two five-pointed silver stars.

Staff sergeant
(Stabni strazmistr)

Three five-pointed silver stars.

Master sergeant
(Vrchni strazmistr)

One five-pointed silver star
on silver-bordered epaulet.

Sub-lieutenant
(Pod porucik)

One three-pointed golden star.

Second lieutenant
(Porucik)

Two three-pointed golden stars.

The other grades correspond to army grades.

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Comment:

- * (1) Lt Col Jiri KOVAR is, from previous reports, known to be CO of the SNB Unit 9600.
- (2) Maj VILCEK, training officer of the SNB Unit 9600, very probably is Lt VLCEK who was previously reported to be training officer.
- ** The SNB battalions in BRATISLAVA, ZNOJMO, BUDEJOVICE, PILSEN and KARLOVY VARY are known from previous reports.
- *** Information on the Czech submachine gun, type 48, was contained in a previous report.
- **** Only the SNB units in ZELESNA RUDA and NYRSKO have been known before. ¶

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(1) An SNB unit of 25 men, subordinate to the NYRSKO SNB company, was in ZELEZNA RUDA.

(2) The NYRSKO SNB company was said to be subordinate to the PILSEN SNB battalion.

It is possible that the SNB platoons may have been brought to company strength and subordinated to other headquarters.

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